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SOURCE OF HIGH OPTICAL POWER :

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty to disclose information material to the examination of this application as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, copies of the following publications are cited (and submitted, where required):

- (1) Japan patent publication 09 127424 A (9/30/97);
- (2) United States patent application publication 2001/0012047 (8/9/01);
- (3) United States patent 5,369,661 (11/29/94);
- (4) United States patent 5,617,492 (4/1/97);
- (5) United States patent 4,826,269 (5/2/89); and
- (6) United States patent application publication 2002/0090172 (7/11/02).

Documents 1 through 3 were cited in the International

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Search Report of November 6, 2003 in International publication WO 2004/034112 (of International patent application PCT/EP03/008441) dated April 22, 2004. The present application represents the U.S. National phase of the International application.

The same documents are cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report issued December 7, 2004 in PCT/EP03/008441. The International Preliminary Examination has yielded a positive indication with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

Each of documents "4" through "6" was cited by the German Patent Office examiner in an office action issued May 27, 2004 in German patent application 102 45 526.0 from which the present invention claims Convention priority (through International patent application PCT/EP03/008441). A Decision to Grant was issued in the German patent application on November 25, 2004.

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While the art is cited herein in accordance with the Applicants' duty of candor, none of such art, either alone or in combination with any other known prior art is believed to render the invention of the present application unpatentable.

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